absence of such rainfall activity significantly contributed to the severity of heat wave conditions in Andhra Pradesh. The delay in the onset of the monsoon this year also favoured the continuance of heat wave conditions for a longer period in June.

The impact of the heat wave conditions was also felt rather acutely this year due to the prevalence of drought conditions in some regions because of poor monsoon rains last year.

(d) The State Governments concerned take necessary steps to mitigate the impact of this problem.

Power Charges in States

*157. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are rates of charges for one unit of elctricity in each State of the country;

(b) how much subsidy is borne by different State Governments to relieve the public from the heavy charges of electrical bills;

(c) the reasons why the unit charges for consumption of electricity go high up in some States; and

(d) the remedial measures that may possible be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) The average tariff for sale of electricity in various States during 2001-02 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) According to the Planning Commission Report, an amount of Rs. 8339.62 crore was given as subsidy by the various State Governments in 2001-02.

(c) The unit charges of electricity in some States is higher due to the excessive Transmission and Distribution losses including theft of power, higher costs of generation/power purchase, excessive employee costs etc.

(d) Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, elimination of theft, improvement in collection efficiency combined with control over generation/power purchase costs are the key measures necessary to minimize the increase in the average cost of supply.

Statement

The Average Tariff for sale of electricity in various States during 2001-02 (Annual Plan)

Sl.No.	States	Tariff (Paise/Kwh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	222.00
2.	Assam	367.34
3.	Bihar	251.80
4.	Delhi	299.92
5.	Gujarat	243.00
6.	Haryana	225.37
7.	Himachal Pradesh	231.88
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	137.94
9.	Karnataka	245.69
10.	Kerala	225.31
11.	Madhya Pradesh	204.95
12.	Maharashtra	270.02
13.	Meghalaya	183.32
14.	Orissa	-(*)
15.	Punjab	184.10
16.	Rajasthan	221.32
17.	Tamil Nadu	237.44
18.	Uttar Pradesh	259.07
19.	West Bengal	257.13
	Average: States	240.34
	II Electricity Departments (EDs)	
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	300.00
2.	Goa	292.45
3.	Manipur	220.00
4.	Mizoram	158.00
5.	Nagaland	189.87
6.	Pondicherry	176.75
7.	Sikkim	115.35
8.	Tripura	118.00
	Average of Eds	205.73
	All India Average	239.92

Source: Planning Commission document

(*) Average tariff of Orissa for the year 2000-01 is 272.41 paise and it is not included in the average.